

Discovery High School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
08/13/2024

The following members were present:

Nancy Daley	Chairperson/Community Member
Charlotte Butler	Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Doretha Tillman	Community Member
Tania Sims	Secretary

Nancy Daley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Charlotte Butler to accept the 06/04/24 minutes as written. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Charlotte Butler to accept the 07/11/2024 minutes as written. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Charlotte Butler to accept the 07/24/24. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

George Miarecki, CPA, reviewed the financial statements for the end of the year 23-24.

Mr. Miarecki said that DHS has \$35000 in operating fund and \$65000 in cash, but most of that is from the food service program, which can't be spent in any other way, but food service.

Mr. Miarecki shared that Title one revenue equals expenditures and DHS collected all the money from IDEA.

Ms. Daley asked if Discovery Schools are required to sell the land across from DALA, how it will affect Discovery Schools?

Mr. Miarecki stated that it will help balance the cash for sure. He also mentioned that Discovery Academy bought the land for \$800,000 and it's worth more than one million.

Ms. Daley shared that Discovery Schools had been contacted by TECO and they're looking to purchase two acres of the land, she also mentioned that the bond holders will have to approve Discovery Schools to sell the land in parcels.

Ms. Daley asked for a consensus from the board members to keep exploring whether or not Discovery Academy could sell the land in parcels.

Ms. Doretha Tillman and the board members gave their consensus to Ms. Daley to move forward with exploring the different options of selling the land.

Mr. Miarecki said that if Discovery Schools sold the land for \$1.5 or \$1.6 million, the bond holders are going hold the money in an account. Any bond payments would then be drawn out of that account.

President's Report

Mr. Jemison then presented the personnel actions; the staff that is not returning for 24-25 school year, new hires and out of field teachers.

The personnel actions including the out-of-field were put to a vote and Charlotte Butler voted to accept, seconded by Mr. John Taylor. The Personnel Actions were passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jemison stated that the enrollment for Discovery High School is at 904 students, 265 in 9th grade, 240 in 10th grade, 210 in 11th grade and 190 in 12th grade. Waiting list 19 in 9th grade, 20 in 10th grade, 7 in 10th grade and 6 in 12th grade.

Old Business

Mr. Jemison shared the Title one update, and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

Mr. Jemison said that a major factor is to ensure that DHS offers enough meeting opportunities for parents to join those meetings to get the information that they need for their kids to be successful in high school.

Mr. Jemison shared more information about Compact for Learning:

1. The ways the school will help the students.
2. The parents will help the students.
3. The student's responsibilities as an advocate for their own learning.

New Business

Ms. Daley asked when the state legislature said schools need to increase the teacher's salary by 10 % across the board. Did they say where the money should come from?

Mr. Miarecki said that the state will fund the money, it is actually called the Teacher salary increase allocation.

Mr. John Taylor made a motion to approve the new salary schedule for additional \$409. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jemison shared the School Improvement Plan for DHS. Mr. Jemison mentioned that DHS has made some changes in the math department, DHS is working with the math coach to set up a new plan.

Ms. Charlotte Butler made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Butler asked if teacher evaluation was similar to administrator evaluation?

Mr. Warren said that both evaluations are similar. He also mentioned that the evaluation plan was done through the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools and everything in the evaluation system is approved by the state, and they followed all the guidelines.

Mr. Warren stated that there's two pieces to the evaluation, they have to be approved by the board.

1. An instructional practice piece
2. The student growth measure

Mr. John Taylor made a motion to approve the student growth measure. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. John Taylor made a motion to approve the evaluation plan for both teachers and administrators. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Frabotta stated that they did a couple online meetings with Captain Shay and some different Safe Schools representatives, and the bill came through H-B 1473 is the safe school initiative.

Mr. Frabotta said that School board and charter schools, must adopt the progressive discipline policy and the board will need to vote on for both schools.

Ms. Charlotte Butler made a motion to approve the Progressive Discipline Plan. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Jemison shared a summary of the Comprehensive Evidence Reading Plan; he said that DHS had to adopt their own reading plan.

Ms. Doretha Tillman made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Evidence Reading Plan. Ms. Charlotte Butler seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Board Member Report

Ms. Daley mentioned that Discovery Schools are changing the health insurance coverage.

Ms. Daley asked Mr. Miarecki if he would be willing to just do another 60 days extension on his annual contract.

Mr. Miarecki agreed to do another 60 days extension on his contract.

Ms. Charlotte Butler made a motion to extend Mr. Miarecke's contract for another 60 days. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Daley mentioned that Mr. Warren, Mr. Jemison, Mr. Frabotta and her had met to talk about the different ways that Discovery School can save some money. Ms. Daley shared an update for the forensic audit; J-L-P associates could do the forensic audit for about \$30,000 for both schools. They're going to do an analysis of the organizational structure and it will satisfy the forbearance agreement.

Ms. Daley shared that the bond holders approved Winningham & Pospichal Inc. do a complete appraisal of the land.

Ms. Daley mentioned that the Building Hope Company is doing Discovery schools evaluation. She also said that Building Hope has a complete process or program that could take over the entire auditing, budgeting, etc. And they would like to visit both schools on September 25th, 2024.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept these vendors for the requirements of the forbearance agreement. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 10:45 A.M.

Next Meeting: September 10th, 2024
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center after the Discovery
High School Meeting at 9:15 A.M.